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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 827
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Tennessee High School Mighty Viking Band and Band Director Joe D. Moore, for having been selected to perform at the 2002 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland, for their recent honors awarded during the Limerick International Band Festival, and for their role as ambassadors and representatives of this great State and our Nation.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those fine institutions that bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee High School Mighty Viking Band is one such estimable entity that has been recognized for their outstanding musical talent, and also for being superb ambassadors and representatives of the State of Tennessee and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee High School was the only band selected to represent this State at the invitation of the Lord Mayor of Dublin to participate in the St. Patrick's Day 2002 festivities; and

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WHEREAS, during their recent trip to Ireland the band performed exceptionally at their concert performance at the 2002 Dublin International Music Festival in St. Patrick's Cathedral, in which they received a standing ovation; and

WHEREAS, they received Best Marching Band and Best Overall Musical Entry honors at the Lord Mayor's Parade in Dublin, Ireland; and Best Dressed Overseas Band, 1st Place Brass/Reed Band, and Grand Champion Overall Band in the Limerick International Band Festival; and

WHEREAS, the band was commended for its outstanding behavior and abilities throughout the trip as they represented their school, the City of Bristol, the State of Tennessee, and the United States of America with great pride and dignity; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Mr. Joe D. Moore, the band members showed their commitment to excellence in their performances by being only the third band in the history of the competitions to win top honors in both parade competitions; and

WHEREAS, fully cognizant of their unique opportunity to participate in such a historic occasion, the Tennessee High School Mighty Viking Band took great strides to raise the needed support and to develop the repertoire of performance material that is worthy of such a great honor; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee High School Band Boosters, the School's Principal, Nelson Pyle, and the City of Bristol have all been supportive of this award-winning band and have helped to influence and mentor the young musicians; and

WHEREAS, through tireless effort and extraordinary talent, the Tennessee High School Band has compiled a remarkable record of achievement and inspired applause from the arts community of our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Director Joe Moore and the Tennessee High

School Mighty Viking Band on their numerous awards received in Ireland at their competitions, during the St. Patrick's Day festivities, and for bringing honor to all Tennesseans as ambassadors of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to them in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.